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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : MEXICO CITY

ACTION: C/SAS 5 (WE AND SAS NOTIFIED AND COPY SLOTTED AT [illegible] 13 DEC 63)

INFO : DDP, ADDP, [illegible], [illegible], C/SAS 2, CA [illegible]

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IMMEDIATE DIR INFO WAVE CITE MEXI 7373

RYBAT TYPIC KEYWAY VASLOUGH

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13 Dec 63 IN 80239

C/S COMMENT: [illegible] CABLE [illegible] SERVICED.
C/S COMMENT: *VASLOUGH-2 CALL STATION [illegible] DEC [illegible] DIFFICULTY WITH MEXICAN CUSTOMS ON BAGGAGE.

1. STATION OFFICER ACCOMPANIED VASLOUGH-2 AGAIN TO AIRPORT MORNING 13 DEC. AFTER ROUTINE DELAY ADMITTED TO AIR CARGO AREA. DOCTOR'S CASE INSPECTED. THIS TIME TWO BOTTOM STUDS ONLY WERE MISSING. VASLOUCH-2 HAD INSPECTED DAY PREVIOUSLY AND FOUND THREE OF FOUR MISSING. NOTE THAT FIRST INSPECTION WAS IN ANOTHER BUILDING. CONSEQUENTLY BETWEEN TIME VASLOUCH-2 SAW BAG 12 DEC AND 1030 MORNING SOMEONE HAD INSERTED ONE MISSING STUD. [illegible] VASLOUGH-2 SAYS SHE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN SHE NOT MISTAKEN CONCERNING ABOVE.

2. DOCTOR'S BAG AND OTHER FIVE PIECES REMOVED FROM CARGO AREA BUT WERE NOT PASSED BY BUILDING DOOR INSPECTOR WHO INSISTED ON OPENING ALL SIX PIECES. VASLOUGH-2 PROTESTED. CHARGE HER LOCAL EMBASSY CONTACTED AND HE SPOKE ON TELEPHONE TO CUSTOMS OFFICIAL TO NO AVAIL. VASLOUCH-2 THEN SAW CHIEF AIRPORT CUSTOMS WHO REITERATED FACT THAT PARCELS WOULD BE INSPECTED

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UNLESS LOCAL EMBASSY OBTAINED FREE ENTRY. STATED REASON WAS BAGGAGE ARRIVED "DESTINATION MEXICO" RATHER THAN "IN TRANSIT". CUSTOMS CHIEF REFUSED RECONSIDER EVEN AFTER OFFER OF BRIBE BY VASLOUCH-2.

3. BY THIS TIME PRACTICALLY EVERY CARGO AND CUSTOMS OFFICIAL AIRPORT AWARE OF SITUATION AND OF ASSISTANCE BEING GIVEN VASLOUCH-2 BY STATION OFFICER WHOSE KUBARK FACE WAS GROWING LESS AND LESS FINNISH.

4. PARCELS WERE RETURNED AIR CARGO STORAGE AREA. ALL INCLUDING DOCTOR'S BAG WERE FIRMLY BANDED. VASLOUCH-2 THEN TURNED OVER PAPERS TO LOCAL EMBASSY WHICH WILL OBTAIN FREE ENTRY AND KEEP ALL PARCELS MEXI. VASLOUCH-1 WILL TRAVEL MEXI SOON AFTER 7 JAN TO RECOVER THEM. CONSEQUENTLY STATION WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DOCTOR'S BAG UNTIL THAT DATE.

5. VASLOUCH-2 TALKED TO VASLOUCH-1 AFTERNOON 12 DEC. LATTER INSISTED SHE RETURN PERUVIAN FLIGHT 13 DEC AS HER EMPLOYERS WERE PROTESTING TARDY ARRIVAL. THIS COMBINED WITH VASLOUCH-2 FEAR THAT DOCTOR'S BAG HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE PERSUADE HER REMAIN MEXI LONGER. SHE PLANS DEPART 13 DEC IF FLIGHT LEAVES. IT NOW CONFIRMED AS DELAYED AND MAY NOT DEPART UNTIL 14 DEC.

6. LAST FIRM STATION CONTACT WITH VASLOUCH-2 IS AT 1400 LOCAL 13 DECEMBER. CANNOT PROMISE ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR GUIDANCE FROM HQS WILL REACH HER VIA STATION AFTER THAT HOUR.

7. REGRET THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND FACT THAT RS-45 WILL BE HELD (IF IT IS STILL IN DOCTOR'S CASE) FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FELT FURTHER STATION INVOLVEMENT AND MORE PRECIPITOUS ACTION CONSTITUTED UNACCEPTABLE SECURITY RISK.

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